Doordarshan Coverage In Karnataka

524. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts in Karnataka have been covered by the Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the names of the districts yet to be covered by doordarshan;

(c) whether the process of linking these districts with micro-wave system has been started; and

(d) the time by which transmission of Doordarshan programmes would be available in these districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All the districts of Karnataka are presently covered by TV service either wholly or partially.

(c) Instead of microwave mode of linkage, satellite mode of linkage has been adopted for telecast of regional service programmes In the State of Karnataka and all the TV transmitters in the State are presently linked to doordarshan Kendra. Bangalore for the purpose.

(d) TV service in the districts of Dharwad, Shimoga, Belgaum, Uttar-kannad, chikmagalur and Chitradurga is expected to improve with the commissioning of the high power TV transmitters under implementation at Dharwad and Shimoga subject to local terrain conditions. TV service in the State will be further strengthened on the completion of TV transmitters under implementation at Nandya and Gangavati, as also on Implementation of TV transmitters envisaged to be established at Bagaikot, Pavagada, Raichur and Mysore, subject to actual availability of resources.

[*English*]

Policemen Killed by Punjab Terrorists

525. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policemen have become the latest targets of Punjab terrorists;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

(c) the number of policemen and their relatives gunned down by terrorists in Punjab since September, 1991; and

(d) the security provided to the policemen in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The terrorists have been targetting the security forces and their relatives with a view to cause desertion and to demoralise the forces.

(c) According to information available 92 policemen and 86 relatives of police personnel were killed during September, 1991 and October, 1991.

(d) A number of steps have been taken by the State Government to ensure the protection of life and property of the policemen and to deal with the terrorists threats effectively.

[*Translation*]

Akashwani Transmission Kendra, Mithila (Darbhanga)

526. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.496 on July,1991 and state:

(a) when the Akashwani transmission